



Energy is crucial to economic growth and development.

It provides power, heat, and transportation to people and industries—all critical to a well-functioning modern society.

However, energy supply interruptions, impacts of climate change, and price shocks all disrupt the economy.

To respond to these challenges and opportunities, academic and policy programs in universities and economic centers need to develop and promote knowledge, research, and best practices in energy development.

Now, it is both urgent and important to bring to fore the discussion on energy!

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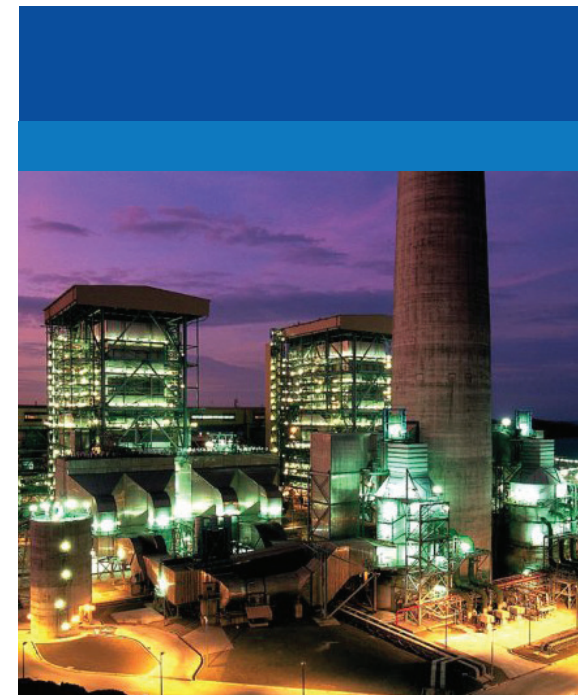
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# EPDP Energy Policy and Development Program

# ABOUT EPDP

## The Energy Policy and Development Program

(EPDP) is a four-year program that aims to strengthen the capacity of the Philippine government to formulate coherent and evidence-based policies and strategies for sustainable, reliable, and efficient use of energy resources and technologies. It supports the national government, in particular the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Energy (DOE), in policy analysis and formulation for the energy sector.

Launched in November 2014, **EPDP** has four components: research, policy development and advisory, capacity building, and communication.

**EPDP** is being implemented by the UPecon Foundation, Inc. through a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



# FOUR COMPONENTS



## RESEARCH

Develops and uses theories, gathers evidence in the Philippines and other countries to support energy-related discussion and policy-making



## POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVISORY

Uses input from research to generate evidence-based analysis and technical advice on energy policies



## CAPACITY BUILDING

Conducts training and learning programs, and fora to increase the capacity of government and the academe to manage energy-related programs and issues



## COMMUNICATION

Builds support for environmentally-sound energy development and communicates researches, policies, and capacity-building programs through fora, dialogues, online and print media

## RESEARCH AGENDA

Research is a critical pillar of EPDP. The program supports a mix of basic, operational, and applied research on energy to ensure the development of new knowledge and the use of existing knowledge.

The key priority research areas include: improving competition in the electricity market, review and provide inputs to the crafting of energy policies and regulations, exploring optimal pathways for energy resource use and utilization, improving access to electricity, and studying regional energy market integration in Asia and other regions.

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